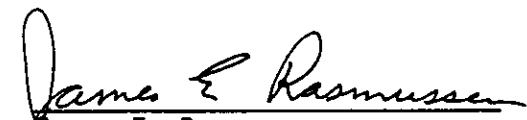


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May 5, 1997

**FORTY-FIVE DAY EXTENSION TO DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOR HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER MILESTONE M-44-02C**

The rejection by Ecology of the deliverable under M-44-02C Interim Milestone, "Tank Waste Analysis Plan for Fiscal Year 1997," is in the dispute resolution process under Article VIII of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order. The dispute is currently at the Project Manager level in which the Project Managers are continuing to seek resolution of the dispute. It is agreed by the parties that it is desirable to continue the current work on dispute resolution at this level. It is hereby agreed that the period for resolution of the dispute at the Project Manager level is extended for an additional 45 days from May 5, 1997 to June 18, 1997.

  
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